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Lesson Plan: Cape Florida

I teach English composition and my discipline allows for great flexibility. I can create projects of all sorts and I use service learning. Below I include some examples.

1. Students keep journals of outdoor activities like recreation, wildlife watching and identifying plant life. Students must write a journal composition per week to reflect on activity for that week for a total ten compositions.
2. For service learning students should adopt an area and help maintain the land or plant native trees. This could include their yards. At the end of the semester they must present a report which includes pictures and/or video of their work.
3. Students should follow the impact of the Miami Marlins Ballpark and write an opinion piece on said impact on our natural environment particularly the Miami River versus its economic benefits.
4. As a vocabulary exercise students must write a historical composition where they describe the native flora changes South Florida has experienced including plants we can no longer find in the area, the environmental impact on our area and on our quality of life and correctly use and spell the scientific names of plants.